

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 18, as follows:

Figure 2c shows a possibility for the stability premium tariff. This tariff may be embodied in a Java function multicast to the users. Curve C is communicated to the customer terminal as another subsidiary algorithm that contributes to the main tariff algorithm. The customer may choose a period of price stability and calculate the premium above the spot price that will require using curve C. ~~Curve B is an example of the stable price chosen in a particular ease.~~ Once the period of stability expires a new one can be bought at the premium over the spot price at that time. To buy a period of price stability, the customer must announce the period required and the range of addresses for which is applies to her provider. It may be required for one address (e.g. for the duration of an Internet phone call to a single person) or for a range of addresses (e.g. for a video conference). Certain risk-averse customers might request stable pricing for all addresses all the time.